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1. Tapolca Airfield is about two km west of the Tapolca railroad station and about 28 km northeast of Keszthely. There were no runways as such but a grass landing area about 1400 by 600 to 800 meters could accommodate LI-2 aircraft. I know of, but am unable to pinpoint, various trenches about five feet deep some 150 to 200 meters north-east of the landing area; also to the SSE just beyond the edge of the landing area. These contain camouflaged machine gun nests that can hold 30 to 40 men. About five to 10 km northwest of the bomb storage area there is an air-to-ground firing range.

2. The bomb storage area is 800 to 1,000 meters NNW of the airfield. While the map indicates a railroad leading into the bomb storage area

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1. Overlay sketch showing Tapolca Airfield.
2. Sketch drawn from memory, with the following legend:
 - (1) Railroad - single track, leading to Tapolca in the east and to Celldomolk in the west.
 - (2) Garage - single story brick building with flat roof constructed of perforated bricks and covered with tar, tar paper and gravel. Contained trucks and other vehicles.
 - (3) Guard building - single story brick building 12 meters by 5 to 6 meters by 5 meters with a flat roof constructed of perforated bricks and covered with tar, tar paper and gravel. Contained an office, sleeping quarters and lounge, ammunition (small arms) storage room and cell blocks - could accommodate up to 17 people.
 - (4) Air Force barracks - two-story building 30 meters by 12 meters by 10 meters with a flat roof constructed of perforated bricks and covered with tar, tar paper and gravel - could accommodate up to 160 men.

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- (5) Mess hall - single story brick building with a flat roof constructed of perforated bricks and covered with tar, tar paper and gravel.
- (6) Support personnel barracks - same as (4) above.
- (7) Air Force headquarters - two-story brick building 25 meters by 12 meters by 10 meters with a flat roof constructed of perforated bricks and covered with tar, tar paper and gravel. Approximately 50 people worked here.
- (8) Aircraft parking area (grass) - six IL-10's lined up in a single row (total of 12 on the airfield).
- (9) Machine gun nest - not dug in - manned by two men during darkness only.
- (10) Aircraft parking area (grass) - same as (8) above, located approximately 45 meters opposite (8) above.
- (11) Walking guard - (night only - changed every two hours).
- (12) Concrete apron - approximately 70 to 80 meters by 45 meters by 12 to 15 cm thick. Used for repair area or for parking if field is muddy.
- (13) Walking guard - (24 hours a day - changed every two hours).
- (14) Hangar - brick building approximately 70 meters by 20 meters by 9 to 10 meters with corrugated iron shed type roof supported by steel girders. Capacity was 8 to 10 IL-10 type aircraft. Aircraft were in northern half of hangar and shops in southern half.
- (15) Aircraft armament storage - single story brick building approximately 8 to 10 meters by 4 meters by 3 meters with shed type roof constructed of perforated bricks and covered with tar, tar paper and gravel. Building was surrounded by a dirt mound and dummy concrete practice bombs were stored outside. Approximately 6000 VA 24 mm automatic cannon shells, 50 boxes (72 per box) of UBK 12.5 mm rounds and 43,000 Skaz 7.62 mm rounds were stored inside (supply was replenished from bomb storage area).
- (16) Weapon repair and storage shop - two-story brick building containing photo lab (upstairs) and projection room. Two machine guns, photo machine guns, sights, 70 pistols, 60 sub machine guns and 150 rifles were also stored here (see description of building located at (7) above for roof construction).
- (17) Headquarters (support personnel) - two-story brick building approximately 20 meters by 10 to 15 meters by 10 meters with flat roof constructed of perforated bricks and covered with tar, tar paper and gravel.
- (18) POL storage - circular-shaped area containing six 10,000 to 15,000 liter tanks buried underground, each covered with a dirt mound. Fuel trucks were loaded directly from tanks. Two meter high chicken-wire fence approximately 80 meters long on eastern side and 30 meters wide at northern and southern ends helped to protect this area. Western portion was protected by a hedge. Guard was on duty 24 hours a day.

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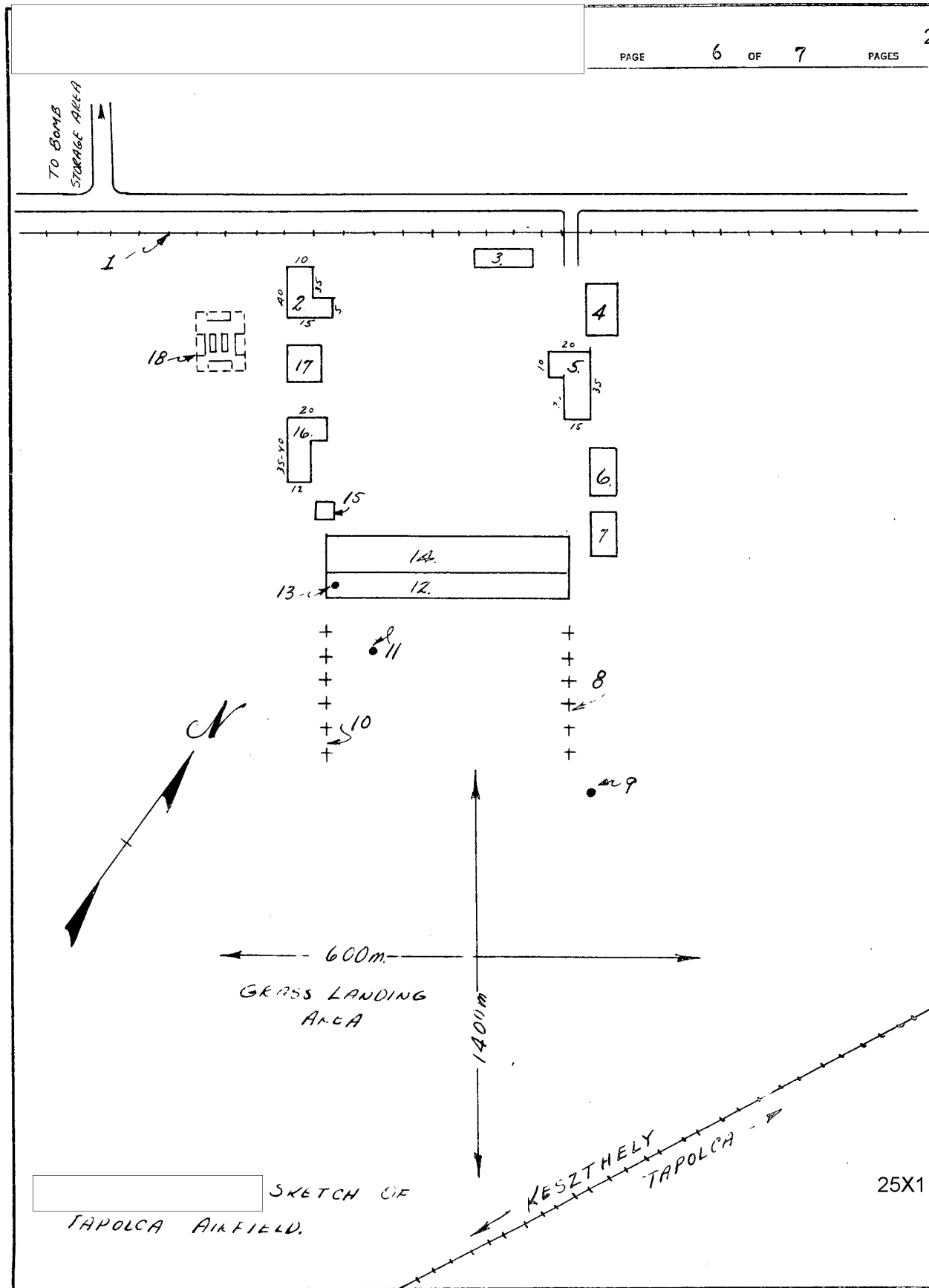
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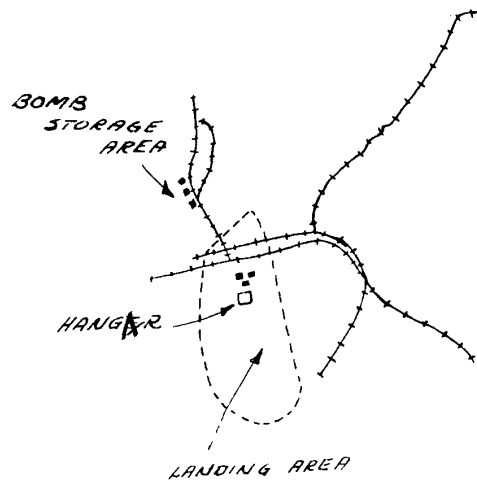
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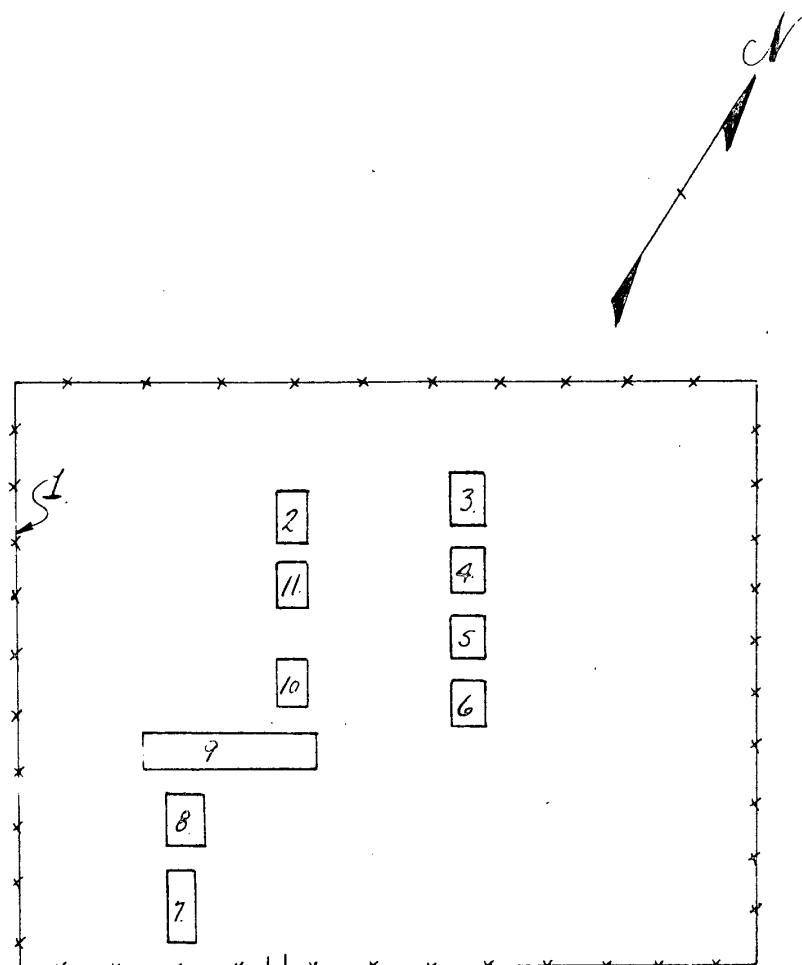
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ROAD TO AIRFIELD.

SKETCH OF THE
TAPOLCA AIR FIELD BOMB STORAGE AREA.

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